

**PROPOSED AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**

Thursday, June 6, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**A call-in number will be available for remote attendance.
Please contact the District for additional information.**

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

5. PUBLIC FORUM – *Persons may present written or verbal comments concerning non-agenda business. Presentations are limited to five minutes.*

6. APPEAL REVIEW

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Draft FY 2025 Budget Review
- b) Draft Priority Areas of Concern

9. AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Division of Water Resources
- b) Kansas Water Authority
- c) Equus - Walnut Regional Advisory Committee
- d) Regional Economic Area Partnership of South-Central Kansas

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) ASR Project Report
- b) Administrative and Field Tasks
- c) Review of Term Permit Applications
- d) Monthly Information and Service Report
- e) Legislative Update

11. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

12. BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

JUNE 6, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting June 6, 2024, in the conference room of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 in Halstead, Kansas. President Dale Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Directors and staff present during all or portions of the meeting:

Dale Schmidt, President	Vin Kissick, Vice President
David Bogner, Secretary	Mike McGinn, Treasurer
Michael Baalman, Member	Joe Bergkamp, Member
Alan Burghart, Member	Rodney Eggleston, Member
Jake Martin, Member	David Stroberg, Member
Gary Janzen, Member	Tim Boese, Manager
Tom Adrian, District Attorney	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant
Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist	

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Brian Meier, Burns & McDonnell	Daniel Clement, Burns & McDonnell, via phone
Kent Askren, Farm Bureau	Anita McQueen, Burrton

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the May 8, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (Vin Kissick), and 3 Directors absent (Rodney Eggleston, Mike McGinn, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Rodney Eggleston, Mike McGinn, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

May Financial Report

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the May 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the May 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Rodney Eggleston, Mike McGinn, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the June 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the June 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Rodney Eggleston and David Stroberg).

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM

Anita McQueen voiced concerns about the water level of Cheney Reservoir and the amount of water that is taken out each day. Anita asked if the District could provide regular reports to the public regarding the reservoir's level. Manager Tim Boese stated that he provides a report regarding Cheney Reservoir at each monthly Board meeting, and that the information

is easily accessible online. Board member Gary Janzen reported that there is a lot of information regarding Cheney Reservoir available, and he will check to see if it is available to the public online. Discussion by the Board followed. Going forward, Gary and Tim will work together to identify ways to provide additional information regarding Cheney Reservoir to the public.

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW – NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS

a) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLANNING: INITIAL GOALS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board of the Kansas Water Office regional water needs and priorities local consult meeting on June 25, 2024, in Wichita, and he encouraged the Board to attend. Lindsey Douglas, Burns & McDonnell, and Vijay Ramasamy, Governor Kelly's Special Advisor on Water, provided the Board with a virtual presentation of the Kansas Water Plan Implementation, including the phases, local consultation meetings, and implementation. Discussion by the Board followed, and Lindsey and Vijay answered questions from the Board. Tim then reviewed a Board Information and Fact Sheet that he compiled regarding the Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board. The Board consensus was for Tim to provide the presented feedback and responses at the upcoming public meetings.

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) DRAFT FY 2025 BUDGET REVIEW

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the annual Budget Hearing has been scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Tim reviewed the draft fiscal year 2025 Budget, as well as the Financial Statement, noting that the assessment rate for water will remain at \$1.60 per acre foot for 2025. Tim also advised the Board that the proposed assessment revenue would change slightly as District staff are still updating the assessment databases. The Board consensus was for Tim to present the draft fiscal year 2025 budget as presented at the upcoming annual Budget Hearing.

b) DRAFT PRIORITY AREAS OF CONCERN

Manager Tim Boese reminded the Board that House Bill 2279 required GMDs to identify Priority Areas of Concern and submit those reports to the Chief Engineer by July 1, 2024. Tim reported that he has had conversations about the District's Priority Areas of Concern with Brownie Wilson, Kansas Geological Survey, who has been extremely helpful throughout this process. Tim reviewed for the Board the draft Priority Areas of Concern map and the identified areas. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board. Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Joe Bergkamp for Tim to submit the presented Priority Areas of Concern information to the Chief Engineer by July 1, 2024. Motion carried with 10 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent (Gary Janzen).

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

There was no report from the Division of Water Resources.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

David Stroberg informed the Board that the next Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2024, in Manhattan. David stated that he is also planning to attend the Kansas Geological Survey Annual Field Conference June 11-13, 2024, in Manhattan.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Secretary David Bogner informed the Board that he and Tim Boese attended the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting on June 4, 2024, at the Winfield Public Library. David reported that Dave Bollenback with Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) stated that KCC will be drilling five monitoring wells around the Galva area, as well as five additional monitoring wells in Reno County near Worthington Road regarding concerns of increased salt in homeowners' wells. David stated that the RAC sent a message to KWA regarding the invasion of cedar trees and the impact on water. David also stated that Senate Bill 2302 awarded water grants to 34 cities for upgrades to their water systems. The 2025 application process opens July 1, 2024. Additionally, David informed the Board that the Equus-Walnut RAC Chair will provide a 20-minute presentation to KWA on August 21, 2024.

d) REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that District Hydrogeologist Brad Barton virtually attended the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas (REAP) meeting on May 9, 2024. Brad reported to the Board that no water topics were discussed during the REAP meeting. Tim informed the Board that the next REAP meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2024.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that there was no recharge in April or May. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 67.58% full (68.47% full in May). The level is 5.76 feet below normal (5.58 feet below normal in May). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 3.53 CFS (0.78 CFS in May); Valley Center is 22.7 CFS (18.5 in May). Tim reported that there were low flows for most of May except for increased flows the 3rd week of May for a short duration.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in May, staff completed four application reviews, assisted with 21 applications (change applications, new applications, temporary applications, and cathodic protection borehole applications), performed 19 water permit consultations, completed 14 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 51 water-level measurements, performed two abandoned well inspections/pluggings, repaired seven meters, conducted 12 meter inspections, and processed 46 administrative files.

c) REVIEW OF TERM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Manager Tim Boese advised that there were no term permit replacement/renewal applications reviewed by District staff in May.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for May.

Tim informed the Board that there is a GMD2/DWR Meter Summit scheduled for June 10, 2024, in Manhattan. Tim and District staff will participate in person and virtually in the summit. Tim informed the Board that discussions regarding the High Plains Aquifer Regional Conservation Partnership Program are ongoing, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2024. Additionally, Tim is working with KGS regarding a geospatial/time analysis of the District's water quality database.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese reminded the Board that the Kansas legislators are still out of session. Tim received an email from the District lobbyist regarding which individuals filed to run for legislative seats in upcoming elections, which he will forward to the Board.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Brian Meier, Burns & McDonnell, reported on behalf of Board member Gary Janzen that there is a meeting regarding the progress on the Burrton Chloride Plume scheduled for June 14, 2024, at DWR in Manhattan. Manager Tim Boese advised that GMD2 staff would participate in the discussion.

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by David Stroberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 10 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent (Gary Janzen). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:43 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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